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Ginning Equipment

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1. The Balbontin Company of Seville is a relatively small firm employing only some 150 to 200 people. They specialize in copying cotton ginning plants and for the past several years have been selling about two gin plants per year plus several linters. All of these are copies of the old Murray gins and Carver linters which they have been making and selling without license. The backbone of the firm is a man of about 40 named Francisco Jiménez Perez, its chief engineer. The firm copies all kinds of machinery in addition to gins and linters. Jiménez is capable of making both detailed drawings for the shop and general machinery plans for a complete gin plant. In addition, he at times installs the machinery. He has been doing this kind of work in Spain for several years and is well known to all of the cotton concessionaires of Spain by whom he is very highly regarded. They turn to him for advice and assistance when they have any kind of problem.

2. [REDACTED] told on good authority in early February 1955 that Jimenez was told by the officials of Balbontin to make complete drawings of the new Murray gins and Mitchell units recently purchased by the Textiles Espanoles Reunidas [REDACTED] and that the officials of Textiles Reunidas are cooperating by letting him take all of the necessary dimensions and data.

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